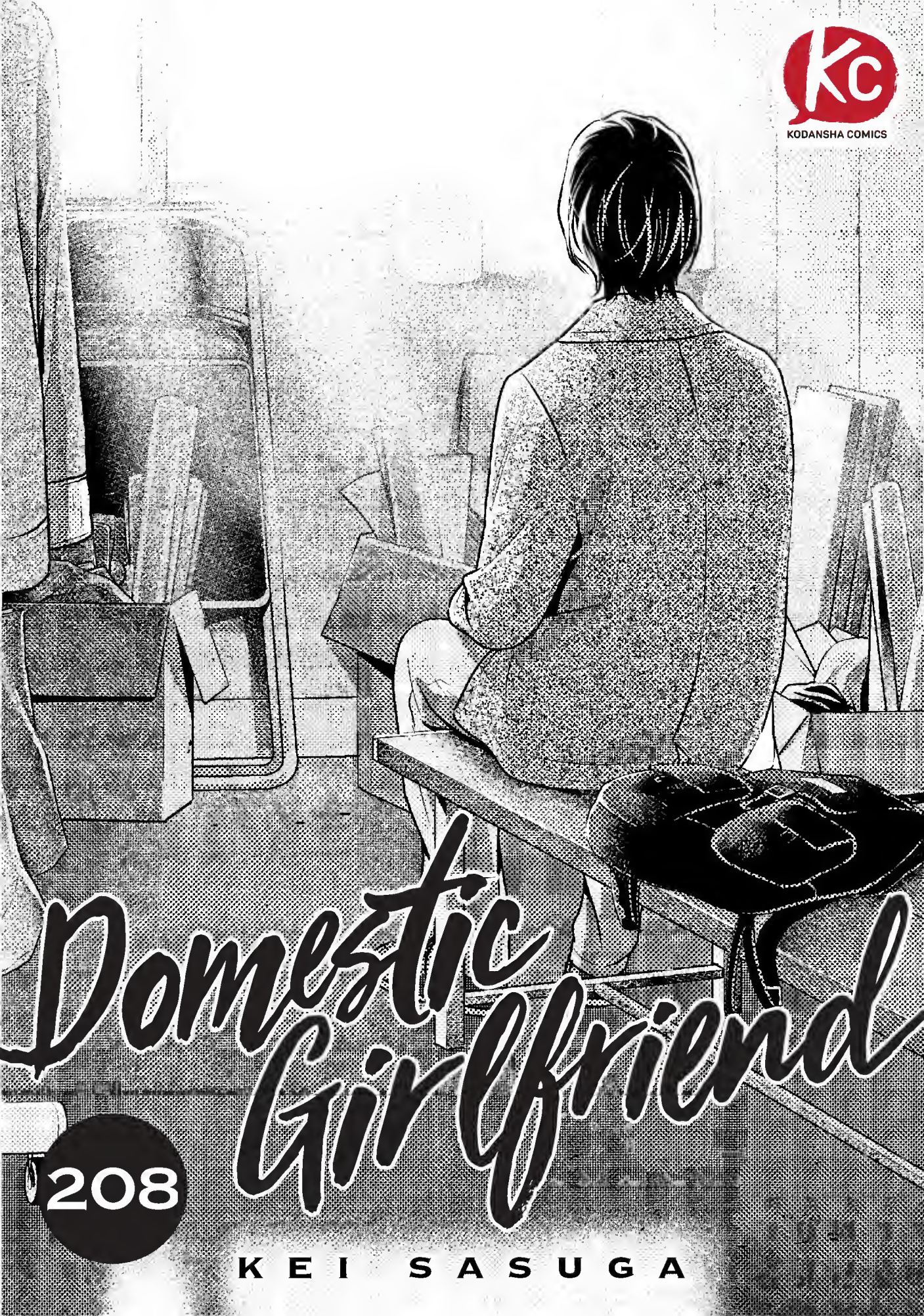
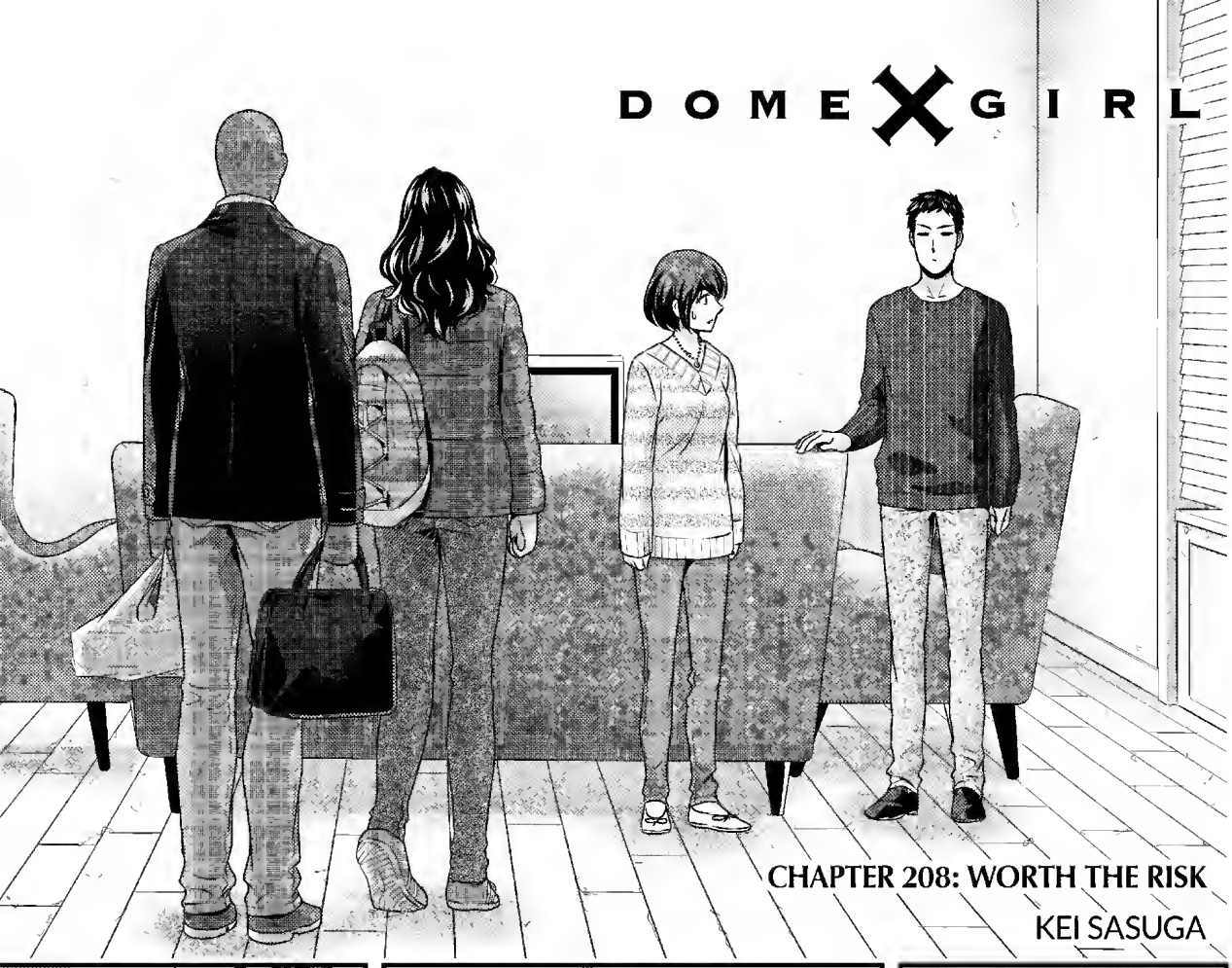

KODANSHA COMICS
Domestic Girlfriend
208
KEI SASUGA



CHAPTER 208: WORTH THE RISK

KEI SASUGA

C'mon, out with it! ♡
I mean...
...exactly what I said.
What's *that* supposed to mean, Tokiya?
You don't care if people think something's goin' on between you and Rui?
Or maybe you *want* people to think that!
Daniela...!
Er...
Huh?
Hey, now...

It might bother Tachibana...
...since she's already in a relationship,
but if people want to think that, it's no skin off my nose.
Or, what?

チクッ
PANG

Would you have preferred it if I said something like,
"I wouldn't be caught dead dating a girl like *her*"?

AWW, DON'T BE MAD, TOKIYA! I'M SORRY!
I'm not mad.
Here, have some pizza and turn that frown upside down!
I said I'm not mad.

NOW, SETTLE DOWN AND LET'S FIX YOUR MUG.
OH.
RIGHT ...

NOW TO LET IT DRY FOR A COUPLE DAYS.
WE CAN DO THE REST AFTER I GET THE MATERIALS.
SURE.
HEY, UM...
SORRY ABOUT EARLIER.
I DON'T CARE.
IT'S COOL.
...
YEAH, I FIGURED YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T,
BUT STILL ...
...
I'M JUST GLAD I'LL ACTUALLY GET TO USE THE MUG.
OH, AND ... THANKS AGAIN.
I SHOULDN'T HAVE OVER-REACTED LIKE THAT.
I GUESS I JUST KINDA SPAZZED OUT.
THAT WAS PRETTY NASTY OF ME, HUH?

OH.
I GUESS WE'RE JUST CO-WORKERS, HUH?
IT'S GREAT TO HAVE FRIENDS YOU CAN COUNT ON!
LATER.
UH... OKAY.
GOOD NIGHT.
キ"シ KRK
キ" KRK シ...
タ" TMP
タ" TMP
TMP タ"

I heard a huge thud and came to check it out. What're you doing, Tokiya?
NOTHING...
CLACK
カチャ
DUNK!!
SORRY, I HAVE TO GO. SOMETHING CAME UP.
HUH?
WHAT ABOUT THE MOVIE? I HAVE RESERVED SEATS.
ヒロシ
BLIP
AH!
I'LL MAKE IT UP TO YOU, PROMISE!
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!

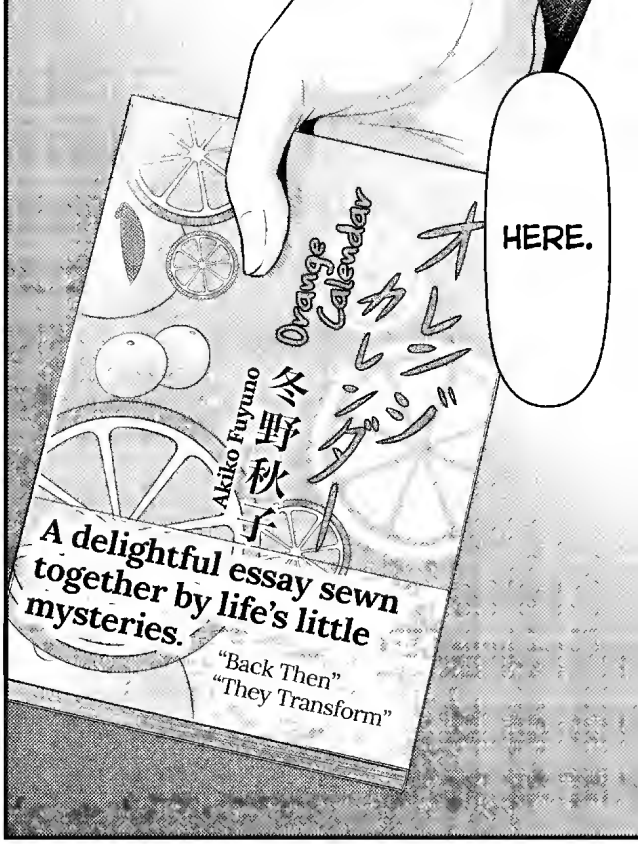
CLACK
カチーカリ
GOD, COULD YOU LIVE ANY FARTHER FROM THE STATION?
MY FEET ARE KILLING ME. I WORE HEELS TODAY, Y'KNOW.
WHERE ARE YOU?
HOME?
TEXT ME YOUR ADDRESS. I'LL GOOGLE IT.
OH, SHUT UP AND SEND IT TO ME.
OH, GOD. IS IT ROTTING?
SHOULD I CALL FOR AN AMBULANCE?
OR A HEARSE?
HEARSE, PLEASE...
DON'T PLAY ALONG, DUMMY.
PUNT
しっ
AAH!
IS THAT A DEAD BODY?!
JUST KILL ME.
MY LIFE'S OVER ANYWAY ...

YAP YAP
BLAH BLAH
HUH?
WHAT LIFE? ACTING WAS THE ONLY THING YOU HAD GOING FOR YOU.
SO? WHAT HAPPENED THIS TIME?
LOSER
IT'S NOT FUNNY!
IT'S HILARIOUS! YOU'VE BEEN DOWN IN THE DUMPS THREE DAYS OVER THAT?
AH HA HA HA!
WHAT, IS THAT ALL?!
HE DEFINITELY HATES ME NOW!
NAH, YOU'RE GOOD.
THE OPPO-SITE, ACTU-ALLY.
JUST WHEN I THOUGHT HE WAS FINALLY STARTING TO SEE ME AS MORE THAN JUST A CLUBMATE, HE SHOWS UP ACTING ALL CHUMMY WITH HIS EX.
AND HER BOOBS WERE HUGE.
I SUDDENLY FELT SO HOPELESS AND JUST... LOST IT.
WELL, I REGRET IT SO MUCH IT'S KILLING ME.
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE I DID THAT!

THAT WAS THE BEST MOVE YOU COULD'VE MADE.
UM...
NOW, HE'LL BE *FORCED* TO SEE YOU AS A POTENTIAL LOVE INTEREST.
WHAT DO YOU–
HUH?
WELL, MAYBE NOT THE *BEST.* YOU SKIPPED LIKE THREE STEPS ANYWAY.
LISTEN TO ME.
THE NEXT TIME YOU SEE HIM, WHATEVER YOU DO, *DON'T APOLOGIZE.*
EVEN IF HE SEEMS UNCOMFORT-ABLE, *DON'T* TRY TO PLAY IT OFF.
JUST ACT LIKE NOTHING HAPPENED AND LET YOUR KISS GNAW AWAY AT HIM.

...
I'M NOT SURE I FOLLOW, BUT OKAY...
UNDER-STAND?
BUT...
YES, MA'AM!
UNDER-STAND ?!
I GOT YOU SOME READY-TO-EAT SIDES,
SALAD MIX, PORK...
OH, AND SOME SAUCES YOU JUST STIR INTO WHATEVER YOU'RE MAKING.
THANKS, HINA-NEE.
I REALLY APPRECI-ATE IT.
ANYTIME! MAKE SURE YOU EAT WELL. THE FLU'S BEEN GOING AROUND LATELY.
I'LL TRY.
OH, RIGHT.
I ALMOST FORGOT.

SOMEONE AT WORK RECOMMEND-ED IT TO ME AND I JUST LOVED IT.
I THOUGHT YOU COULD READ IT DURING BREAKS OR SOME-THING.


HERE.
オレンジカレンダー
Orange Calendar
冬野秋子
Akiko Fuyuno
A delightful essay sewn together by life's little mysteries.
"Back Then"
"They Transform"

OH, COOL.
DEFINITELY.

COFFEE ROOM
喫茶 シャガール
Café Shagar
飲み

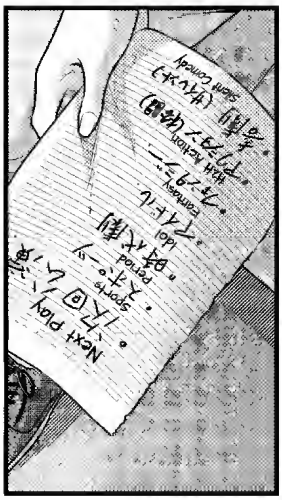
LONG TIME NO SEE.
THANKS FOR CALLING.

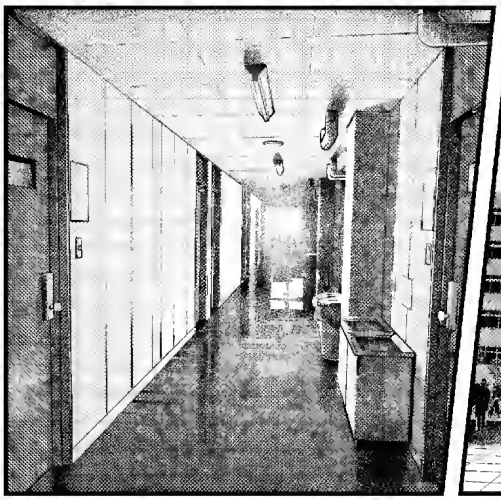
I WAS STARTING TO THINK I'D NEVER HEAR FROM YOU AGAIN...
...
SORRY, I JUST NEEDED SOME TIME TO THINK.

I...

I'M...
...SO SORRY ABOUT WHAT HAP-PENED!
TSUTAYA-SAN, PLEASE!
LIFT YOUR HEAD!
IT HURTS MY HEART TO THINK ABOUT HOW BETRAYED YOU MUST HAVE FELT.
I FAILED TO PROTECT YOU WHEN I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD!
YOUR BOOK MIGHT BE SELLING WELL,
BUT I STILL REGRET THE WAY WE HAN-DLED THINGS.
I KNOW.
YOU WERE AGAINST THAT MARKETING PLOY ALL ALONG, RIGHT?
THIS BY NO MEANS MAKES UP FOR MY MISTAKES,
BUT I'M THINKING ABOUT LEAVING SHINKO-SHA.

WHAT?!
I'LL RE-SIGN,
AND BECOME A FREELANCE EDITOR.
THEN I WON'T BE UNDER THE COMPANY'S THUMB ANYMORE.
YOU CAN'T JUST QUIT YOUR JOB!
AND IT'LL ALLOW US TO TAKE AS MUCH TIME AS WE NEED TO WORK ON YOUR WRITING.
SO—
NO, DON'T!
FUJII-KUN...
I'M...
...NOT WORTH IT.
HUH?


Next Play
・カロム ふく
・スポーツ
・好く科
・千九七
・ラッキー
・ゲーム
・ゲーム機
・名前



CHACK
チャック

AH ...!
YOU STARTLED ME. I DIDN'T THINK ANYONE WAS HERE.
...MY BAD.
WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE? I THOUGHT THE CLUB WAS ON BREAK.
OH, ME?
JUST GRABBING SOME-THING I FORGOT BEFORE I GO TO MY TROUPE MEETING.
CREAK キィ
STAY CALM. DON'T APOLO-GIZE.
ACT LIKE NOTHING HAP-PENED!
HEY.
UM...
I'M SORRY.

I MUST'VE SAID SOME PRETTY HURTFUL THINGS TO YOU WITHOUT EVEN REALIZING IT.
IF YOU'VE HAD FEELINGS FOR ME ALL THIS TIME,

...!
Y'KNOW, FOR, UH...
...BEING TOO DENSE TO TAKE A HINT.

I WAS JUST LITTLE TOO HYPER FROM THE PLAY! THAT'S ALL!
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
D- DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!

LOOKING BACK ON IT,
I'VE ACTUALLY DONE SOMETHING SIMILAR BEFORE.

GASP!!
OH... REALLY?
DON'T PLAY IT OFF
BZZT
OKAY, THEN.

AT THE TIME,
I WAS KIND OF AN EMOTIONAL WRECK.

HM?
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE, FUJII-KUN?
S-SO, UM...
...
SO, I'M JUST GLAD TO HEAR...
...THAT'S NOT THE CASE.
YOUR STUFF?
YEAH.
I WAS JUST GONNA POP IN REAL QUICK,
BUT I GUESS I SPACED OUT.
OH.
I CAME TO GET MY STUFF.
I THINK...
...I'M GONNA QUIT THE CLUB.
WHY?
BUT...
HUH?

I HIT A BRICK WALL.
NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY, I JUST CAN'T SEEM TO WRITE ANYTHING.